

CHURCH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

Frank W. Pare, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

for the Year 1943

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1943

To the Chairman and Members of
the Church Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my annual report on
the Health of the District, for the year 1943.

In accordance with the instructions from the Ministry of
Health, many of the usual statistics have been omitted.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births:

	TOTAL	MALES	FEMALES
Legitimate	69	38	31
Illegitimate	3	2	1

Still Births:

Legitimate	2	1	1
Illegitimate	1	1	-

Deaths:

78	46	32
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Deaths of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live-
births:-

Legitimate	58.0
Illegitimate	333.3
Total	69.4

Deaths from Measles (all ages) ...	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough...	1
Deaths from Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years) ...	0

The other certified causes of death were as follows:-

Pulmonary Tuberculosis	4
Cancer	15
Heart Disease	19
Other circulatory diseases	1
Bronchitis	6
Pneumonia	5
Other digestive diseases	2
Appendicitis	1
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions	6
Nephritis	1
Influenza	2
Diabetes	1
Congenital debility	3
Other maternal causes	1
Other violent causes	2
Suicide	1
All other causes	8

Tuberculosis:

There were 4 deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis giving a death rate of 0.8 per 1,000.

There were no deaths from other forms of tuberculosis.

The notification of tuberculosis is thoroughly efficient.

New Cases and Mortality during 1943.

Age periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years								
0 -								
1 -								
5								
10								
15								
20		2		1	1	1		
25								
35					1			
45	1				1			
55	1							
65 and upwards								
TOTALS	2	2	0	1	3	1	0	0
	4		1		4		0	

Notifiable Diseases:

Number of cases of infectious disease (excluding tuberculosis) notified, and the number of cases removed to hospital during the year 1943.

	CASES NOTIFIED													
Disease	Years											Total cases	Removed to hospital	
	Under 1	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-			
Scarlet Fever.....			2		6	13						21	4	
Measles, excluding German Measles..		1			1	1						3		
Acute Pneumonia..			1						1			2		
Diphtheria.....						1						1		
Opthalmia Neonatorum.....												-		
Scabies.....											1	1		
TOTALS		1	3		7	15			1		1	28	4	

There were no deaths from infectious disease (excluding tuberculosis).

Nursing Arrangements:

There is one district nurse available for the general district nursing, but there is no nurse available for infectious diseases. The Church District Nursing Association (Voluntary) provide the district nurse.

Ambulance Facilities:

The Accrington and Oswaldtwistle Ambulances are available for non-infectious cases, and accident cases. For infectious cases an ambulance is arranged for as required. The Blackburn Union Ambulance is always available for the conveyance of patients to Queens Park Hospital.

Hospital Accommodation:

For smallpox - joint with Oswaldtwistle Urban District Council.

For other infectious diseases - arranged with Blackburn, Darwen and Burnley Corporations as required.

The agreement with Oswaldtwistle Council in regard to the Smallpox Hospital is an annual retaining fee of £5/5/0 per 1,000 population. Three beds being retained for Church. In addition to the retaining fee, the following maintenance charges are made:-

For one patient - £8/8/0 per week,

For two patients - £6/6/0 per week per patient, and,

For three or more patients £5/5/0 per week per patient.

Diphtheria Immunisation:

	Age under 5 years	Aged 5 years and over but under 15	Total
Number of children who completed the full course of immunisation during 1943.	60	15	75
Approximate estimated number of children in the area	200	480	680
Percentage of child population shown, considered immunised at 31st December, 1943.	42.5%	71.9%	

Number of cases of Diphtheria in children under 15 years of age, notified in 1943, was 1.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

FRANK W. PARE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Medical Officer of Health.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1943.

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

The following is a brief report of the duties carried out during the year.

Public Cleansing & Salvage:

This service was carried on successfully during the year. Two horse drawn vehicles are used for the collection of household refuse and salvage, which collection is made once weekly.

Owing to the insufficiency of transport, it has been necessary to arrange for salting of the roads, to be carried out by the Accrington Cleansing Department.

Street gullies are cleansed every six months by the Accrington Cleansing Department, the cost being approximately 5.75d. per gully.

During September a book recovery drive was held throughout the County. Valuable assistance was given by the W.V.S. and members of the First Aid Party, and a loud-speaker car was loaned by the County Police. The School-children of the district formed a "Book Recovery Army" and each child was promoted according to the number of books collected. The target of 10,000 books was quite easily beaten, the total figure being 12,607.

Communal food bins are placed on the streets for the reception of kitchen waste; these bins are emptied twice weekly by the Accrington Corporation who then cook the food before it is re-sold.

Disused petrol tins have been purchased from the Army and adapted for use as receptacles for the storage of household bones.

WEIGHT AND VALUE OF SALVAGE SOLD DURING THE YEAR

Material	Tons	Cwt.	£.	s.	d.
Waste Paper	30	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	169	0	10
Kitchen Waste	67	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	63	16	1
Textiles		10	7	10	0
Manure	22	15	20	19	2
Bones	1	15 $\frac{1}{4}$	8	17	3
Jars & Bottles		8	3	17	6
Ferrous Metals	2	8	4	16	0
Non-ferrous Metals		2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2	15	2
Rubber	1	11	3	17	6
Total	126	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	285	9	6

In December, the Ministry of Supply withdrew the direction requiring the Council to organise the collection of ferrous metal.

The number of movable ashbins is 1846.

There are no ashpits in the district.

Drainage:

7 waste water closets were converted to the fresh water system.

125 choked waste water closets were cleansed by the Council workmen. This number could be reduced if the householders showed a little more care.

Number of privy middens with closets attached	4
Number of waste water closets	1339
Number of fresh water closets	725

Disinfection and Disinfestation:

This work is carried out by the Council foreman.

The Steam Disinfector at Oswaldtwistle is used when necessary and 14 consignments of bedding or clothing were dealt with at the disinfecting station during the year, 24 rooms were disinfected after infectious disease.

There were no houses infested with bed-bugs.

Housing:

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a) Total	0
(b) As part of a municipal housing scheme	0

I - UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES

Inspection:

- (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 211

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 307
- (a) Number of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 ... 0

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose... .. 0
- Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous, or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 0

4. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation211

II - REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE
OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers164

III - ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs 0
- (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit:-
- (a) By Owners 0
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners 0

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 6
- (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied:-
- (a) By Owners 6
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners 0

C. Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made 0
- (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 0

D. Proceedings under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made 0
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit 0

Sanitary Improvements Effected during 1943:

Defective air-grates renewed.	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Roofs repaired ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Rainwater gutter provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Windows provided with new sash cords	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Defective plaster repaired ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Doors and door frames repaired or re-hung	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Chimney flues repaired.	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Walls repaired, rebuilt or re-pointed	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Rainwater pipes disconnected from drains.	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective windows repaired or replaced ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Handrails provided to staircases ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Insanitary wastepipes replaced by new lead wastepipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Water services repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Defective dustbins renewed ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Grates provided to gullies ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Tipplers repaired or renewed.	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Choked drains cleansed.	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Defective W.C. pedestals replaced.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Deposits of refuse removed ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Defective sinks replaced or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
New coalstores provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
External walls rendered with water-proofed cement	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Fireplaces repaired ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
W.C. seats repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Floors repaired..	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Yards repaved	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Chimney stacks repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Nuisances from keeping animals abated ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Nuisances from offensive smells abated ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Drains repaired or reconstructed ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

During the year, 211 Preliminary Notices were served, the following defects being recorded:-

Defective roofs .	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Defective dustbins	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
General dampness .	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Defective drains.	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Choked drains	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Defective window cords.	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Defective spoutings and fall pipes.	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Defective plaster	...	...	...	...	...	...	44
Defective fireranges ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Defective air-grates ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective doors .	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Accumulations of refuse	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Defective tipplers	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Defective cisterns	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Defective W.W.C. seats.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

Defective W.C.'s	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective gas fittings	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective chimneys...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective or absent handrails	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Dangerous yard surfaces	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Defective pointings..	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Defective windows	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Defective walls	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Defective sinks	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Defective floors	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Rats & Mice	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Defective pipes (waste pipes)	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Absence of washing accommodation	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Absence of or defective water supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Absence of ventilation	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Dirty and verminous premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Nuisances from keeping animals	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Slaughter Houses:

There were no slaughter houses used in the District during the year.

Farms:

The four farms in the district have been inspected, special attention being given to the condition of the cowsheds and dairies and these have been found in a fairly satisfactory condition. There are no cows at one of the farms.

Milk Sampling

During the year, 27 samples of milk were obtained and submitted to the Preston Royal Infirmary for analysis. The examinations asked for were:-, Methylene Blue Reductase Test, presence of B. Tuberculosis, presence of B. Coli and Bacterial Count. Milk bottles were also submitted for a sterility test.

The following is a summary of the reports:-

Methylene Blue

No. taken	No. satisfactory	No. unsatisfactory
12	6	6

B. Coli

No. taken	No. satisfactory	No unsatisfactory
17	6	11

B. Tuberculosis

No. taken	No. satisfactory	No. unsatisfactory
19	18	1

Bacterial Count

No. taken	No. satisfactory	No. unsatisfactory
10	9	1

Sterility Test

No. taken	No. satisfactory	No. unsatisfactory
5	1	4

When unsatisfactory reports are received on samples taken from local farmers, the farmers concerned are visited and advice given. In the case of purveyors outside the district, a copy of the analyst's certificate is sent to the Sanitary Inspector concerned.

Factories:

The factories have been inspected as to sanitary accommodation and any defects have been dealt with.

Bakehouses:

All bakehouses were inspected during the year and verbal notice had to be given in some cases where lime-washing was overdue.

Food Inspection:

During the year the following food was condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

- 249 tins of Pork & Beans,
- 182 tins of Pilchards,
- 11 tins of Mackerel,
- 23 tins of Pork,
- 11 tins of Salmon,
- 10 tins of Plums,
- 1 tin of Sausage Meat,
- 44 lb. Marmalade,
- 6 lb. Tea,
- 6 lb. Corned Beef.

Offensive Trades:

Regular visits were paid to the tallow-melting works to see that no nuisance was being caused.

Water Supply:

Water is supplied by the Accrington & District Gas & Water Board and the Oswaldtwistle Urban District Council.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. WOODCOCK

Sanitary Inspector.

